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11. (SBU) During a September 12 meeting, Acting Head of the MFA Directorate for Human Rights Valentina Kravljanac told us that her government has yet to elaborate its stance on the issues that will be discussed at the upcoming UN General Assembly Third Committee session (reftel). Kravljanac said that while Serbia generally follows the position of European Union countries, given "current political considerations" Serbia must act on a case-by-case basis in accordance with its own interests. Kravljanac thanked us for sharing the U.S. positions, which she promised to convey to the leadership of her ministry.

12. (SBU) Kravljanac indicated that Serbia will not adopt a formal position on Third Committee issues until closer to the start of the session, and would need to see the text of country-specific resolutions before commenting. She had no comment on the impact of Serbia's observer status in the Non-Aligned Movement on the stances it will adopt.

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